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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/366872 filed February 14, 2003, by Kellenberger et al. for "COMPACT ABSORBENT ARTICLE."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/750505 filed December 31, 2003, by Nelson et al. for "METHODS OF FOLDING DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/749988 filed December 31, 2003, by McDonald for "PACKAGE WITH EASY OPEN FEATURE."

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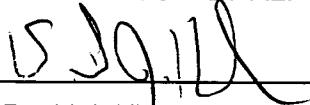
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